

# The Prospector

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

GPA Portland, Oregon Chapter



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## Rocky Tester and Mark Kirk Make Another Trip to TY Roy

Hi All. Just returned from second stint at TYROY. Found plenty of water in both ponds to run highbankers. The rain and mud has been replaced by sun and dust. I met up with Mark Kirk who had been there two days before me. I opted to pull my flat bed trailer w/ ATV and slept in tent. This cut my fuel costs in half. The luxury of my travel trailer when it was cold and rainy was nice. So Mark had been jumping around trying to find the best gold options for us. He found gold almost everywhere he dug, but wasn't that impressive in the gold pan. Of course you know where I wanted to start digging, Yup, where the ½ oz. nugget was found. I knew there had to be more in them dark gravels. So we dug several buckets from that under cut, but nothing. So we decided to go deeper with my Roto-Hammer with chisel bit but still nothing. About that time Larry Chadwick and his wife showed up with a bag of reclamation seed for us to take back. They are members of PGPI who live in Baker City. He told us they spend a lot of time in the TYROY area on

their four wheelers. Larry's sister owns a claim over the ridge from us on Elk creek. The next day they show up with big generator and Hilti chisel gun and proceeded to really bust up the rocks and gravels for us. Took many buckets back to process but no gold again. So we tried to process some overburden and started finding gold. Before I had arrived Mark was experimenting with pay piles that Les had had left. So I filled several buckets and hauled them on my Honda ATV. Guess what. Sometimes things we are looking for are right in front of our eyes! Both piles had very good gold. With that said I would advise members that still may be going over to try their luck on the pay piles first. I only actually dug for three days and got some gold. We came to appreciate what the backhoe's services do for us. When you got to dig, haul and process your gold intake goes way down. So I personally won't be returning to TYROY until next June if God's willing and the creeks don't rise!!!



# Secretary's Report July 17, 2022

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**Meeting** was called to order by President Mike Lewis at 1:30 P.M. who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendees** - 32 attendees and 2 guests were present.

**Treasury Report** - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasury Report that Jim read for the month of July.

**Meeting Minutes** - A motion was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's Report of the previous month as written and published in the July newsletter. The motion was approved by the members present.

**Garage Sale** - Some members went to Elaine's house earlier this month and loaded up truck loads of Richards stuff that Elaine wants to get rid of. We are planning on having the sale August 27th and 28th out at Jim's house in Estacada. Elaine has kindly said that she will donate 1/2 of the sales profits to the club. We will need many volunteers to help with this sale. There are 2 separate sign up sheets for anybody who wants to volunteer. A few days before the sale we will need people to help price items to get ready for the sale and then the sale will be the upcoming weekend. If anyone wants to bring some of their own stuff to sell they just need to keep it separate so we can keep it separate from the clubs money. You can also just donate stuff to the club if you want to get rid of some of your stuff.

**Membership Cards** - Gretchen has the new Membership Cards for people. See her to get yours and fill out your

Release of Liability Form which is required for the club.

**Public Lands for the People** - If anyone wants to be a member of Public Lands for the People we have membership applications. It costs \$50 a year per person or \$75 per family. This organization represents groups and individuals that are interested in public and private lands open to prospecting, mining and outdoor recreation. They just had their 2022 Grand Raffle and Rocky tester won a Gold Cube and another member of our club won a 1 ounce Silver Round.

**Trailer for Sale** - Charlie is selling his stock trailer for \$2000. It's about 16 feet long and 7 feet wide. It has bunk beds, fridge, stove and awnings. It's an old horse trailer that he converted into a trailer. If interested contact Charlie Foster.

**Gold Bags** - For anybody that needs practice panning buy one of our Gold Bags for \$7.

**Quarter Drop** - We had 2 lucky winners of the Quarter Drop. Beverly Parker and Sara Vangorder both won Gold Nuggets. Congratulations!

**Raffle** - The Raffle was held with \$1 and \$5 tickets. Beverly Parker was the lucky winner of the Gold Bag. Jason was the lucky winner of the Gold Nugget.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by  
Yolande Kragerud, Secretary



Bev shows how it's done.



## ➔ MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT ➔

### **The August 21, 2022 Chapter Meeting will be the last Chapter Meeting to be held at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.**

Jim Erwin, Rocky Tester and Cindy Wright spent months searching for a better meeting venue for PGPI. One that had more and better parking, easier access, more modern facilities, kitchen access, storage access and improved restrooms. They visited several locations, but many were not an improvement over the Milwaukie Grange and many were too expensive. Then they visited the Eastridge Church, in Clackamas, OR, which met the "wish list" at a very reasonable price; just \$25/month more than we were paying at the Milwaukie Grange. Yes, it is a little further for some people, a little closer for others, but we think this new location will be a good fit for the club. Plus, the chairs are padded (OK – maybe that's just important to me??), we don't have to do much setting up since the chairs are already arranged, and it has air conditioning on the warm days. The kitchen is huge – which will be great when we resume having our annual banquet pot lucks.

The PGPI Board of Directors met after the July meeting to discuss this change and unanimously approved the new location. THANK YOU TO JIM, ROCKY AND CINDY!!!!

**Starting with the September Chapter Meeting on September 18th, 2022 – we will be meeting at a NEW venue:**

**EASTRIDGE CHURCH  
14100 SE SUNNYSIDE ROAD  
CLACKAMAS, OREGON 97015**

Depending on which direction you are coming from, go out SE Sunnyside Road in Clackamas to SE 142nd. Turn South on SE 142nd – The church is at the first driveway on the west side of SE 142nd –

We hope everyone will come to the new meeting location, starting with the September Chapter Meeting.

>>> Please note the new venue is an active church and meeting location. Church services are held at 9AM and 10:30AM on Sundays. Since there is not as much to set up or take down, we don't have to arrive as early as we have been at the Milwaukie Grange. Also, there are plans for more storage at the church location in a locked storeroom. We hope to accommodate the Club's library (Thank you to Steve (and Yolande too!) Kragerud for hauling all of the books and other materials for the PGPI library!). We also discussed being able to leave the quarter drop bottle and raffle items in the locked storage room.

As we move forward to make this change in venue, we appreciate everyone's cooperation, any ideas and suggestions, and patience – as we try to make this change go as smoothly as possible for everyone! Thank you!!

Just a quick note – I am planning on bringing my small trommel to demonstrate at the August meeting, provided I can get everything up and running\*.

>Please remember that Tim Snyder, who creates the chapter's monthly newsletters and handles the club's social media accounts and website, is interested in any

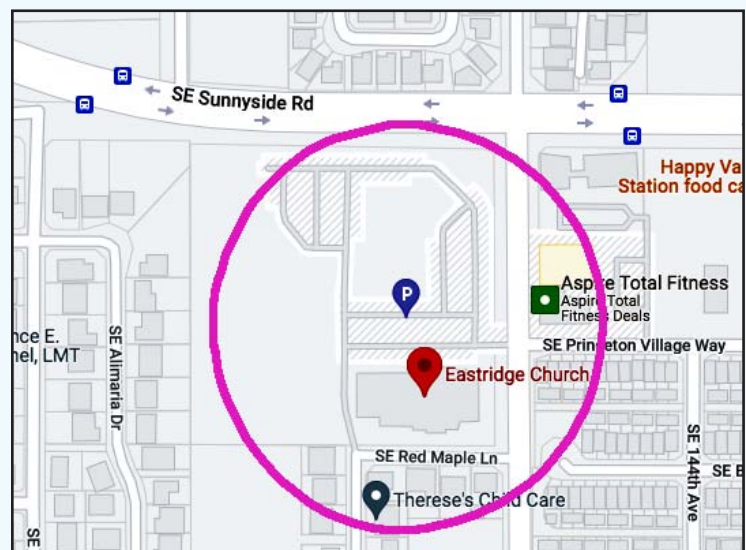
stories related to prospecting from anyone in the club for publication in the newsletter. You can forward your story/information to Tim via email at [wrshpmzshn@gmail.com](mailto:wrshpmzshn@gmail.com)

>We also want to invite anyone at our meetings who has an interesting story to tell or something about prospecting to demonstrate or wants to show what they have found while prospecting, etc.– to let me know so we can either make time during the meeting or schedule time at the next meeting.

Hope to see you at the August meeting. Thank you and Happy Prospecting!

*Mike*

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## Members of Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Richard Ruth, a longtime member of Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc. ("PGPI"), passed away in March. Most of us worked with Richard on many projects, and he was at most chapter events. Richard was also a past President of PGPI.

Since his passing, Richard's wife, Elaine, asked if we could help her by removing and selling his prospecting things. Several of us have been to Richard's home to remove prospecting equipment, tools and miscellaneous items he accumulated over the years. These items were brought to my barn where we plan to have a barn sale on Saturday August 27 and Sunday August 28, 9am to 4pm each day.

Elaine will split the sale proceeds with PGPI, so this becomes a fund raiser for us.

**We really need volunteer help** to set up, price and sell his stuff. Set up and pricing will start on Monday August 22 at 9 am at my place, 29790 SE Shorgorick Rd. in Estacada.

Please consider helping with the set up and/or one or both days of the sale. Call me at 503-519-6200 or email me at [jimerwin223@gmail.com](mailto:jimerwin223@gmail.com) to volunteer. You may also call Mike Lewis at 503-413-9283 if you prefer.

Sunday evening we will have a drawing only for those volunteers that helped. The winner will get a gold nugget. Different color tickets will be given out each day and the stub put into a drawing basket. We ask that you put your name on the stub so you won't need to be present for the drawing.

**Please help. We really need it.**

Jim Erwin





One of our members, Ron Winner, passed away in May, 2022, at age 79. Our sympathy goes out to Ron's wife and family. We hope that good memories will help now and in the days ahead.

*Your friends at Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.*

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### From Jim Erwin:

A few years ago, I was involved in the Fly Fishing industry where I helped a friend who was a factory representative for several fly fishing related companies.

I have accumulated tons of fly tying items, and quite a few rods and reels. I am trying to get rid of those items and will have a booth at the Fly Tying Expo, in Albany March 10 and 11, with set up March 9.

If anyone is interested in helping with this, I will pay lodging and meals for helping in the booth.

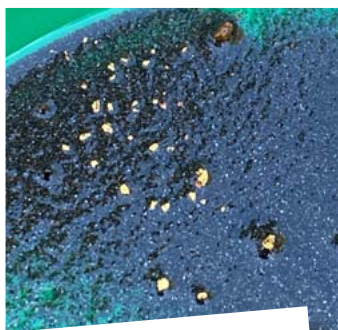
Please let me know by calling 503-519-6200 or emailing me at [jimerwin223@gmail.com](mailto:jimerwin223@gmail.com).

See you at the next meeting.

Jim

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## More Photos from Rocky and Mark's Outing to TYRoy



*This is the pile with gold in it.*



*Notice the hole in the nugget.*

The new **Washington Gold and Fish** pamphlet is now available. You must have it with you whenever you prospect in the state of Washington.

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